



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



MCPON VISITS USS BONHOMME RICHARD

Story by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), Jim Herdt, visited the San Diego-based multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) Monday in the Arabian Gulf.

While on board, MCPON took time to hold an all hands call on the ship's Closed Circuit TV system with the ship's commanding officer, Capt. Robert J. Connelly.

Before starting the question and answer session, MCPON told the crew "I need to know, through your ques-

tions, if I'm hitting the right buttons and if I'm working the right things. That's how questions help me do my job."

One question he addressed regarded the requirement of an enlisted warfare designation.

"What the enlisted warfare programs are meant to do," MCPON stated, "is improve the readiness of the fleet and the command." He went on to say, "When you qualify, one, you're better

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During his visit to USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt answered many questions. Some of the questions, phoned in by the crew and given to Capt. Robert J. Connelly, included: "Can we wear Utility dungarees off base?"; "Are they working to fix the pay disparity for military married to military?" and "Do you have information on the Navy's 401K plan?" (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)



Capt. Robert J. Connelly relays questions from the crew to Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt during his visit Monday to USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

MCPON HOLDS WARFARE PINNING CEREMONY



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt held a warfare pinning ceremony Monday in the Chief Petty Officer's mess on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). ACCS(SW/AW) Tonya D'Amore, DCCS(SW/AW) Ricky Mathis, SKC(SW/AW) Evelyn Scott, ITC(SW/AW) Faith Peerenboom, OSC(SW/AW) Samuel Vance and BMC(EOD/SW/AW) Frank Carbone were pinned with their new enlisted warfare pins. (Photo by PH3 Timothy Comerford.)

BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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TUESDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 WHEEL OF FORTUNE

1100 PRINCE OF EGYPT

1630 ER

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 BEVERLY HILLS 90210

1900 JUDGING AMY

2000 PREDATOR 2

2200 FEELING MINNESOTA

CHANNEL 6

1030 MOESHA

1100 X-FILES

1630 STUART LITTLE

1800 ONE TRUE THING

2000 ANNA & THE KING

2215 RUSHMORE

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

N A T I O N A L / I N T E R N A T I O N A L N E W S

MOMS MARCH FOR GUN CONTROL

By Associated Press

The million-mom march gathered in Washington Sunday to prevent gun deaths.

Organizers say the rally was just one of 70 in communities nationwide calling for tougher gun laws.

The advocates favor laws requiring registration of handguns and licensing of their owners.

President Clinton said the grassroots effort will meet with success. He said in his weekly radio broadcast that the gun lobby is "no match for America's moms."

Mothers opposed to additional gun control also made their position known. A pro-gun rally by a group calling itself second amendment sisters was held near the Washington monument.

ISRAEL LAUNCHES AIR STRIKES

By Associated Press

Israeli warplanes have again blasted suspected guerilla hideouts in Southern Lebanon.

The latest series of raids comes in response to hezbollah attacks on Israeli and allied militia positions in the Israeli-occupied zone.

An Israeli military spokesman confirmed the air strikes and says all planes returned safely to their bases.

A spokesman for the Iranian-backed hezbollah claims guerillas scored "direct hits" and inflicted casualties in its attacks but gave no details.

Hezbollah is leading the fight to expel Israeli troops from the zone in South Lebanon.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Baruk has promised to withdraw the troops by July seventh.

A SPECIAL SUPER

MOTHER'S DAY CAKE



Hospitalman Brandy Sealy, on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) with MSSG-15, goes through the chow line during a special Mother's Day meal served Sunday evening. Sealy is the proud mother of two. (Photo by PH1(AW) Cindy Harris.)



SH3 Kellie Carter, FC3 Keyatta Abram, Sgt. Monique Bagley, SH2(SW) Erica Anderson and MS1(SW) Tatyana Hill took part in the cake cutting ceremony held Sunday on the messdecks of USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). Music and movies were played on the messdecks as well. (Photo by PH1(SW) Cindy Harris.)

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ready to do your job on board; two, it raises esprit de corps in the community you belong to and finally, individual pride. You can say that you belong to that community."

In addition, MCPON commented, "We removed the advancement points associated with those programs because they serve no good purpose."

Another question MCPON addressed was about the change to the wear of the working khakis and Navy utility uniform (NAVADMIN 115/00).

"I want you all to be very specific about getting that NAVADMIN and memorizing where you can and can't wear the uniform," MCPON said. "There's a sentence at the end that I want you to pay particular attention to. It says, 'When in doubt, don't.'"

Some other topics addressed were: Pay and benefits; retirement plans and the Montgomery

GI Bill.

MCPON finished his question and answer session by thanking the crew for all of the work they do.

"Our way of life is guaranteed only because you're out here," he said. "You have elected to wear the uniform and do the job you're doing. So don't fail to give yourself a pat on the back. You're my heroes. Take care of each other, yourself and your families."

SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES:

Blue Jays	3	Devil Rays	2
Royals	5	Indians	4
Expos	16	Cubs	15
Tigers	2	Yankees	1
Athletics	7	Mariners	2

BASKETBALL SCORES:

Suns	117	Lakers	98
Knicks	91	Heat	83

HOCKEY SCORES:

Devils	4	Flyers	1
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PRINT SHOP BURNS ONE-MILLIONTH COPY



The Print Shop on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) celebrated it's one-millionth copy printed since January 24, 2000 on Monday afternoon. The cake sported the infamous bunny to portray the virtually non-stop work done by the Print Shop. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)



Lt1 Jimmie Claspell, Capt. Robert J. Connelly, along with friends and co-workers, celebrated the Print Shop's one-millionth copy. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)



Estimated Travel Costs

and Reimbursements

Most people do not have much experience with long distance travel and the costs and reimbursements to expect. Completing the following worksheet will help you with your travel budget.

- TRAVEL COSTS:** These cost estimating factors are averages that are used by the American Automobile Association. Your personal style, family size, route plans, method of travel, and the like will all make a difference in the costs you must pay.

1-A. Driving Costs

Mileage (allow an average of \$8.00 per 100 miles for fuel, oil, and maintenance)

Total miles you plan to travel (Multiply by \$8.00 for every 100 miles): _____

Expected cost: \$ _____

Toll charges expected: \$ _____

Total 1-A. (add mileage and tolls):

1-B. Overnight Accommodations

Cost of room for each day during travel:

Single occupancy: \$58.00

Double occupancy: \$68.00

Each added person in room: \$5.00 each

Expected daily room cost \$ _____

Number days of travel (based on travel of 350 miles a day) _____

Distance you plan to travel (this is your plan, which may include side trips rather than direct travel to the new duty station) _____ miles.

Divide total number of miles by 350 miles per day = _____ total days.

Total 1-B: Multiply daily room cost times number of days of travel

1-C. Food and Other Costs

Food (\$25 per person per day)

Number of people _____

Number of days _____

Multiply number of family members by days by \$25.00 = \$ _____

Cost of other items \$ _____

Total 1-C: Cost of food and other items:

1-D. Total Estimated Costs While Driving

1-A. Driving: \$ _____

1-B. Overnight Accommodations: \$ _____

1-C. Food and Other Items: \$ _____

- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS (1-A + 1-B + 1-C):**